



Type HS – Heat Shrink Polyester Sleeving

Bulletin #S-1

- This HS (Heat Shrinkable) sleeving is produced by spirally winding strips of heat shrinkable polyester (Polyethylene Teraphthalate or PET) film into a tubular form. The tube is made using a special adhesive as a bonding agent. This adhesive is a uniquely formulated polyester resin that is chemically similar to and has properties comparable to the polyester film.
- Since the adhesive is thermoplastic, it softens sufficiently when heat is applied to permit stress-free shrinkage throughout the sleeving. The sleeving will shrink in a few seconds if passed through an air-circulating oven at a temperature of 150°C. The sleeving will shrink to a determinable inside diameter at a preset temperature. Once the sleeving has been shrunk, it will remain dimensionally stable at the shrinking temperature or lower temperatures.

Heat Shrinkable Polyester sleeving is available within the following specifications:

Inside diameters .026” to 2.000”

Wall thickness .0015” to .012” with limitations for smaller diameters

Lengths Up to 36”

Note: This material property information is the best currently available on the subject. The data should be viewed as a general guide to tube and material properties, not a performance guarantee. The customer should examine the suitability of the finished product for individual applications.

- Sleeving can be supplied in clear, opaque and striped colors.

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General Properties of Type HS Polyester Sleeving		
Properties	Data	Test Method
Melting point	250°C to 255°C	-
Service temperature	-60°C to 150°C	-
Dielectric strength	2500 volts/mil (min) @ 25°C, 60 cycle	ASTM D-149
Dielectric strength	2000 volts/mil (min) @ 150°C, 60 cycle	ASTM D-149
Diameter shrinkage	35-50%	-
Length shrinkage*	25-50%	-
*Note: shrinkage properties vary depending on diameter, wall thickness and application methods.		
Water absorption	.75% max, 24 hr. immersion @ 25°C	ASTM D-570-595
Corrosive effect on copper	Negligible	-
Resistance to industrial solvents	Excellent	-
Resistance to Freon	Excellent	-
Transformer oil resistance	Excellent	-
Chemical resistance to acids, bases, impregnants & varnishes	Excellent	-
Fungus and bacteria resistance	Inert	-
Bending recovery	Excellent	-
Tear resistance	Excellent	-
Puncture resistance	Good	-
Abrasion resistance	Good	-
Peel strength	357 grams/CM (min)	-
Flammability*		
* Slow burning self-extinguishing; will not support combustion after shrinkage on nonflammable components.		